# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine International, Inc..

Plaintiffs,

v.

ImStem Biotechnology, Inc., Xiaofang Wang, and Ren-He Xu,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-12239

Hon. Allison D. Burroughs

# PLAINTIFFS ASTELLAS' AND SCRMI'S MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS IMSTEM'S AND XIAOFANG WANG'S COUNTERCLAIMS

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), Plaintiffs Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine ("Astellas") and Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine International, Inc. ("SCRMI") (collectively "Plaintiffs") move to dismiss Defendants ImStem Biotechnology, Inc. ("ImStem") and Xiaofang Wang's (collectively "Defendants") Counterclaims. (D.I. 20.) Defendants oppose this motion. Dr. Wang did not make any inventive contribution to U.S. Patent No. 8,961,956 ("the '956 patent"), but instead, at most, only contributed what was already known in the prior art. As such, he cannot be an inventor of the '956 patent.

In support, Plaintiffs rely on the memorandum submitted concurrently with this motion, the accompanying declaration and exhibit, and any further briefing and argument that may be permitted by the Court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court GRANT this Motion and DISMISS Defendants' Counterclaims with prejudice.

## **REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(d), Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court hold oral argument on this motion, as Plaintiffs believe that oral argument will assist the Court.

Dated: January 31, 2018 Respectfully submitted,

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**LOCAL RULE 7.1 CERTIFICATION** 

I, Charles H. Sanders, counsel for Astellas, hereby certify that we have conferred with

counsel for ImStem and Xiaofang Wang to resolve or narrow the issues presented in this motion

but, after good faith attempt, the parties reached no agreement.

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